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Newes from Ipswich.

Discovering certaine late detestable practises of some domineering Lordly Prelates, to undermine the established doctrine and discipline of our Church, extripate all Orthodox sincere Preachers and preaching of Gods Word, usher in Popery, Superstition and Idolatry; with their late notorious Purgations of the new Fastbooke, contrary to his Maiesties Proclamation, and their intoelrable affront therein offered to the most Illustrious Lady *Elizabeth*, the Kings onely Sister, and her Children (even whiles they are now royally entertained at Court) in blotting them out of the Collect; and to his Maiestie, his Queene, and their Royall Progeny, in blotting them out of the number of Gods Elect.

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Woe be unto the Pastors that destroy and scatter the Sheepe of my Pasture, saith the Lord.

Acts 20. 28, 29.

Take heede therefore unto your selues, and to all the Flocke over the which the holy Ghost hath made you Bishops, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his owne blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the Flock.

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CHriſtian Reader, this is the deploreable Newes of our preſent age, that our Preſſes formerly open onely to *Truth* and *Piety*, are cloſed up againſt them both of late, and patent for the moſt part, to no ght but *error ſuperſtition, and profaneſſe*. Witneſſe thoſe a *many prophane erroneous, impious books*, printed within theſe 3. yeares by authority (point-blanke againſt the eſtabliſhed doctrine of the Church of *England*, and his *Majeſties pious* b *Declarations*) in defence of *Arminianiſme, Popery, and Popiſh ceremonies*; and which is yet more impious and deteſtable, *againſt the very morality of the Sabbath*, and 4. *Commandement: the divine inſtitution, title and intire religious ſanctification of the Lords day SABBATH, and the neceſſitie of frequent preaching*, (exceedingly preſſed in our d *Homilies, and booke of Ordination*) which ſome of our unpreaching, domineering ſecular Prelates (out of their Arch-piety towards God, and Arch-charity to the peoples ſoules which they ſeeke to murder,) now ſo farre deteſt, that they not onely give over preaching themſelues, as no part of their function; and ſuppreſſe moſt weekday Lectures in divers Countries; but have likewiſe lately ſhut up the mouthes of ſundry of our moſt godly, powerfull, painefull Preachers (who have woon more ſoules to God in a yeare, than all the Lord Biſhops in *England* or the world have done in divers ages) *out of meere malice to Religion, and the peoples ſalvation*; contrary to the very Lawes of God and the Realme; ſtrictly prohibitted, under paine of ſuſpention, in ſundry Dioceſſe, all afternoone Sermons on the Lords own Day: that ſo the prophane vulgar might haue more time to *dance, play, revell, drinke, and prophane Gods Sabbaths*, even in theſe dayes of plague and peſtilence, g *to draw downe more plagues & judgements on us for this ſin of Sabbath breaking* whē as not only the h *Synod of* Dort, but i *ſundry Popiſh Synods and Biſhops* have bin ſo religeous, as to *preſcribe TWO SERMONS every Lords-day at leaſt, in every pariſh Church, to keepe the people from ſuch prophanations of this ſacred Day*. Alas what could k *Belzebub the Prince of Devils* had hee beene an Archbiſhop or Lordly Prelate heere in *England* (as there were many *Divels Biſhops, at leaſt, Biſhops Divels, in* l *Bernards* age, and moſt ſaare there are too many now,) haue done

Shelfords 5 Treatiſes, Rheeve Communion booke Catechiſme expounded, Chounæus Collect. A Coale from the Altar, The female glory, Studly Dr. Lawrence, and Brownes Sermons, with others. Apparatus ad Hiſt. Eccleſiaſt.

b *Before the 39 Articles and concerning the Parliaments diſſolution.* p. 201, 22, 42.

c *The Treatiſe, History Doctrine, & Diſcourſe of the Sabbath; A ſoveraigne Antidote Dr. Primroſe, Rheeve, Shelford, & Powel, in the life of King Iue.*

d *Preface to them, Of the right uſe of the Church.* e *Exhortation to thoſe that are to be made Miniſters.* f. Bp. Latimers 1.4.5.6. *Sermons before K.* Edward, *and his Sermon of the Plough* 1. Neh. 13.17, 18. Levit. 26.46 to 55. Ier. 17.17. Eze. 20.13. to 22. the Faſt-booke. Iacobi & Caroli, and the Examples of Gods Iudgements upon Sabbath-breakers. h Seſsio 14. i Apud Bochel Decreta Eccleſ. Gal. l.1. Tit 3. c. 10, 11, 25, 16, 17, 18, 37, 52. & l.4. Tit. 7. c. 26. k Matth. 12. 24. l Sermon 33. in Cant. & in Concil. Rhemenſi.

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more against the ſtrict intire ſanctification of the Chriſtian Sabbath day, to *make it the Divels day in ſtead of the Lords day & to advance his owne kingdome and ſervice on it*; or against the frequent powerfull Preachers, and preaching of Gods Word, and ſalvation of the peoples ſoules, then ſome Luciferian Lord Biſhops have lately done? whoſe impietie in this kind tranſcends all preſidents whatſoever in former ages. And yet theſe profane, atheiſticall graceleſſe perſecutors of all holines, piety, ſincerity, godly Miniſters, and preaching of Gods Word (yea in theſe peſtilentiall times, as meanes to ſpread the plague, though the n *Scripture*, and o *all former ages have preſcribed faſting, preaching, and praying, as the chiefe antidotes and cure against it*) will needs be Lord Biſhops p *Jure divino*, by the *holy Ghoſts owne inſtitution* (who never yet inſtituted *any* q *unpreaching, rarepreaching Prelates or perſecutors and ſuppreſſors of Preaching*) and ſhame not to ſtile themſelues the r *godly holy Fathers of our Church, & Pillars of our faith*, when as their fruits and actions manifeſt them to bee nought elſe but the very *Step-fathers, and Caterpillars*, the very peſts and plagues of both. Take but one freſh inſtance for an example: theſe deſperate Archagents for the Devill, and Pope of *Rome*, and Maſter-underminers of our Religion, as they were the onely inſtruments of delaying the preſent generall Faſt in the beginning of the peſtilence, (*when it was moſt acceptable and requiſite*; So, to ſhew their inveterate malice againſt preaching (*the thing that the Divell wraſtleth moſt against all whoſe ſtudy hath been to decry the office of preaching, which ſhould not be diminiſhed* (they (contrary to his Majeſties pious intention who hath often proteſted against all innovations) have cunningly cauſed *all ſermons* (*the very life and ſoule of a Faſt, as being the onely means to humble men for their ſins & bring them to repentance*) to be prohibited on the Faſt day both in *London and the Suburbs* & *in all other infected places, during the time of the infection in them*; in pariſhes not infected, (as if preaching only of all Gods ordinances were peſtilenciall, & that on the Faſtday, not on others) contrary to the preſidents of all former ages, & the y *Orders for the generall faſts in the two laſt great plagues which preſcribed two ſermons, of one howre long apeece, forenoone and afternoone every faſt day*, & *that as well in pariſhes infected as others*:

m Hom. 3. *against rebellion* q. 293. *and of the time & place of prayer.*
n 2 chron. 6,28,29,30. c,7,13,14, Num,25, 6, to 10, Ioel 1 & 2 Zeph 2,1 2,3.
o *See the Faſtbooke* 1 Iacobi & Caroli.
p *Bp.* Bancrofts *Sermon, & Bp.* Whites *Treatiſe of the Sabbath day*, Epiſt. *Ded.*
q Act 20 28.1 Tim.3 2 c 4,11,16 17,2 Tim. 4.1.to 5.1. Tit. 1.9.c.2 1.10.13.c.3 1. to 12. 1.Pet.5.1,2 3.
r *Bp.* White *Epiſt Ded. to his Treatiſe of the Sabbath*: & Rheeu,

Epiſt. Ded. before his Expoſition of his Catechiſme in the Communion-Book, & p.2. ſ Zeph 2.1,2,3. Num. 16.46. t *Bp.* Latimers 4 & 6 *Sermons before K.* Edward, *which I would our Prelates would now peruſe, and his ſermon of the Plough* u *Declaration before the 39. Articles, and of the diſſolution of the Parliament.* p.21.42. x Zeph.2.1,2,3. Iſay. 58. to 8. Ier.25.29.c.36.6. to 11. Acts 16,18. Heb.1,12,13.2.Tim. 3.25.26. y *Order 6. for the Faſt.*

even in the Summer ſeaſon, when the infection was more contagious and raging than now. By which device they have not only made this faſt diſtaſtfull to all * *ſorts* of men in infected places, who have little heart unto it, robbed the poore of much charitable reliefe, and deprived the people of the ſpirituall foode & Phyſick of their ſoules, when they need and deſire it moſt, to their intolerable griefe & diſcontent, but quite ſuppreſſed all ſettled Wenſday Lectures in *London* and other infected Townes, as long as the infection ſhall continue in any one pariſh, though it ſhould laſt theſe 7. yeares (the thing they principally aimed at:) forced many Miniſters & people to flie out of infected places into the Country, to keepe their faſts where there is preaching; brought in a *z famine of Gods word, the greateſt plague of all others*, to the increaſing & further ſpreading of the preſent Peſtilence, *& drawing downe of Gods wrath upon us to a the uttermoſt, by inhibiting Miniſters in the time of greateſt need, to preach unto the people that they may be ſaved.* O heavens ſtand amazed at this unparalled practiſe of impious popiſh Prealats! But is this all? No verily. For where as his Majeſty *b commanded, that the booke of Common prayer for the faſt formerly ſet forth by his authoritie upon the like occaſion ſhould be reprinted*; theſe Romiſh Inquiſitors have miſerably gelded it, after it was new printed, in ſundry particulars. Firſt, they have purged out the prayer *for ſeaſonable weather*, one cauſe of the ſhip wrecks, & tempeſtuous unſeaſonable weather ever ſince its publication. Secondly, they have daſhed *c the Lady* Elizabeth *and her children, in the old Collect*, quite out of the new; as they have expunged both them, with our gracious King, Queene, and their children out of the catalogue of Gods elect, by blotting out this cleuſe (*who art the father of thine elect and of their ſeed*) out of the *Collect* for them in this and all *new Common prayer bookes*, as if they were all reprobates, & none of the number of Gods elect, either to a temporall or an eternall crowne. O intorable impietie, affront, and horrid Treaſon. Thirdly, they have left out this Collect: *It had beene beſt for us &c.* in the new booke, (though the moſt effectuall prayer of all) becauſe it magnifies *continuall, often preaching of Gods word, and the Scriptures* and calls our powerfull Preachers *Gods ſervants*. A ſigne theſe Prelates have conſpired together like ſo many execrable Traytors, to extirpate our *frequent powerfull Preachers, and continuall preaching of Gods word* (as they have done in many places of late) *though preſcribed by d God himſelfe & e our Homilies*. Fourthly, they have daſhed this remarkable clauſe out of the firſt Collect. *Thou haſt delivered us from ſuperſtition and idolatry* (*two grand cauſes both of many ſ former*, and our preſent plagues no doubt)

* *who like it a dumbe ſaint, and a mock faſt.*

z Amos 8 11, 12.

a 1 Theſ. 2 15. 16. Iſay 30.9.10.17 2 chron. 34. 16.

b See the Proclamatio.

c The collect for the Queene, &c.

d 2. Tim. 4. 1 to 5 Lu. 23.47. 21. 37. John 18. 20. Act. 2. 46. c. 5. 42. e Of the right uſe of the church.

f Num. 25 10 to 10. c. 31. 16. Ioſh. 22. 17. 2 chron. 13 13 14. pſa. 106. 28. 29. Eze. 5. 11. 12. 17. c. 8. 12. 13. c. 12. 16. c. 14. 35. 19. 21. Amos 4. 4. 10.

doubt) *wherein we were utterly drowned, & hast brought us into the most cleare and comfortable light of thy blessed word: by which wee are taught how to serve and honor thee, and how to live orderly with our neighbours in truth and verity*: the rest of the Collect remaining as before. Now what can be the cause of this strange purgation, but a resolved professed conspiracy of these Romish Prelates, even now againe *utterly to drown us in* [a] *popish superstition and idolatry* (which have now drowned us in Gods judgements, by their stupendious late increase among us) *and to remove us out of the most cleare and comfortable light of Gods sening Word, by the which wee are taught how to serve and honor him* (the true cause why they now suppresse Lectures, preaching, and sustend our powerfullest Preachers every where;) that so wee may walke on in romish hellish darkenesse, serving and honouring the Pope & Devill in stead of God, *and live in all disorder without truth or verity*. Fift'ly, in the 6. *order for the fast*, they have pared away this passage. *To avoide the inconvenience that may grow by the abuse of fasting; Some esteeming it a meritorious worke, others a good worke, and of it selfe acceptable to God without due regard of the end*, Onely to gratifie the *Papists*, *whose* [g] *doctrine is this*, and to place some merit in this present fast:) adding this clause to it; *in places where Sermons are allowed by the Proclamation*; of purpose to put downe Wednesday Lectures, and preaching in *London* and other places where any Parish is infected. If these Prelates then be thus desperately wicked and Popish, as to take advantage of Gods judgements to suppresse the Preaching and Preachers of his Word when it is most necessary and usefull, and to countenance, justifie, and set up Popery, *superstition, idolatry*, error and disorder (the chiefe causes of our plagues) even in these dayes of pestilence, & that is the very *Fastbooke* to abuse and h *mock God* to his face, to dishonor his Majestie, and grieve his peoples soules; how transcendently impious & popish will they prove, when God shall stay this plague, if they bee not now deservedly punished for these their notorious impieties? And is it not high time then for his Majestie to hang up such Archtraytors to our faith, Church, Religion, and such true-bred sonnes to the Roman Antichrist, (from whom i Dr. *Pocklington* boasts they *are lineally descended*) & to execute judgement on them for these strange purgations, and other their Romish Innovations, whereat the whole Kingdome crie shame; which breed a generall feare of a sudden alteration of our religiō? Certainly till his Majestie shall see these purgations rectified, superstition & idolatry removed, Gods Sabbaths duly sanctified, the suppressed Preachers & * preaching of Gods word restored,

[a] *witnesse their altering of the Gunpowder treason booke, their blasphemies for the Pope and Church of Rome, and setting up Altars Images, Crucifixes, and bowing to them in all Cathedralls, & elsewhere and in their owne Chappells.*

[g] Belar. de Bonis Operibus. c.11. Bonavent. dist. 15.

[h] Iob.13.9. Gal.6.7.

[i] *Sunday no Sabbath. p.2 and 44.*

* *The honor and safety of the Kingdome.*

2 Chron.17. 7.8.9.10.

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hang up ſome of theſe Romiſh Prelates & Inquiſitors *before the Lord*, *as the* k *Gibonites once did the 7. ſons of Saul*, we can never hope to abate any of Gods plagues, or draw downe any of his bleſsings on us by l *ſuch a faſt, and Faſtbooke* as this, but augment his plagues & judgements more and more, which have ſtrangely increaſed ſince this faſt begun contrary to all human reaſon and probability, whereas it much decreaſed before; the totall number dying of the plague the week before the faſt, being but 4 5 8. & 58. *pariſhes infected*, and the very firſt weeke of the *faſt* 838 (treble the number the 2. laſt greateſt plagues) & 67 *pariſhes infected* m *Cambridge, Norwich, Hamton, Bath*, & other eminent places cleare before, being likewiſe viſited ſince this faſt begun; a cleare evidenc, that God is much offended with theſe purgations & the reſtraint of preaching on the faſt day, againſt which ſome Prelats are ſo mad, that they have ſilenced & perſecuted divers Miniſters ſince the faſt proclaimed, there being now ſo many ſuſpended in our *Norwich Dioceſſe*, only for not yeelding to popiſh inovation, that in ſundry Churches *they have neither prayers, preaching, nor faſting*: which hath brought the plague among them, and made the people at their wits ends, many Miniſters & people there having left the Kingdome, and thouſands more being ready to depart the Land, there being never ſuch a perſecution or havocke made among Gods Miniſters ſince Q. *Maries* dayes, as a lecherous proud inſolent Prelate hath there lately made againſt all Lawes of God and man, to the aſtoniſhment of the whole Realme. What then can wee expect but plagues upon plagues, till ſuch deſperate perſecutors be cut off. & Gods Word and Miniſters reſtored unto their former liberty, by our moſt gracious Soveraigne, *perſecution of Gods Miniſters and people being one chiefe cauſe of plagues*. Wherefore O *England, England*, if ever thou wilt be free from peſts and jndgements, take notice of theſe thy Antichriſtian Prelats deſperate practiſes, innovations, and popiſh deſignes, to bewaile oppoſe, redreſſe them withall thy force and power: O all ye Engliſh Nobles, Courtiers and others, who have any love or ſparke of religion, piety, zeale, any tendernes of his Majeſties honour, or care for the peoples, the Church, or Kingdomes ſafety yet remaining within your generous breſt put to your helping hands & praiers to reſcue our Religion and faithfull Miniſters now ſuſpended, from the jawes of theſe devouring o *wolues*, and tyranizing Lordly Prelates (rayſed from the dunghill) who make havock of them both. O our moſt pious King *Charles*, as thou haſt in two ſeverall p *Declarations*, proteſted before God to all thy loving *Subjects, That thou wilt never give way to the licenſing or authoriſing of any thing whereby* ANY INNOVATION IN

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k 2. Sam. 21 Num. 25. 4.

l Iſay 58. 5, 4, 5, &c.

m *And that the very next weeke after an Order the e publiſhed, that every Scholler ſhould bow to the Altar, and at the name of Ieſus, under paine of expulſion out of the Vniverſity after two admonitions, an idolatrous and ſuperſtitious Order.*

n Ezc. 28. 23 24. c. 38. 28. 22. Ezc. 14.

12. Euſebius Eccleſ. Hiſt. l. 9. c. 8. Cent Mag. 3. c. 3. p. 31. 32. cent. 4. c. 3. p. 156.

H. Holland, his Spirituall preſervative againſt the Plague.

p Act. 2c. 29

q *Before the 39. Articles: and of the diſſolution of the Parliament. p. 21, 42*

THE LEAST DEGREE *may creepe into our Church, nor never connive at* ANY BACKSLIDING TO POPERY; *and that is my hearts desire to bee found worthy of that title which thou esteemest the most glorious in all thy Crowne, Defender of the faith*; so now behold these desperate innovations, purgations, and Romish practises, of thy Prelates, in open affront of these thy *Declarations*; & now or never shew thy selfe (as wee all hope, beleeve, and pray thou wilt) a Prince more worthy of this glorious *Title*, than any of thy royall progenitors, by rooting all Popery, superstition, idolatry, errors, innovations, out of this Church and Kingdome, by restoring the Preaching, the Preachers of Gods word, and purity of his worship, and q *taking veegeance* on these perfidious Prelates, who have thus gelded thy Fast-booke (and intend to make an *Index expurgatorius* upon all other ancient English Writers ere they be reprinted, a thing considerable,) thus openly abused thy onely Sister, and her Children, now present with Thee: oppressed and grieved thy faithfull Subjects, dishonoured thy God, betrayed thy religion, increased the plague among thy people, & as much as in them lyeth, robbed thee both of thy Gods and peoples loves, & pulled thy Crowne off thy Royall head, to set it on their owne trayterous ambitious pates, by exercising all ecclesiasticall power, yea Papal jurisdiction over thy subjects in their own names, and rights alone: and by trampling all thy lawes and Subjects liberties like Cobwebs, thy subjects like Dogs and dirt, under their tyranicall Papall feete. If thou thus *execute judgement on them*, and ease thy people from their intollerable tyrany, no doubt *this plague shall be ceased*, and this fast be pleasing to the Lord, else hee will not except it, but proceede to plague more and more. O blessed Soveraigne, that thou didst but heare the severall cries and outcries of thy people against these persecuting Prelates in many places, especially in our *Norwich* Diocesse, where little Pope * *Regulus* hath played such Rex, that hee hath suspended above 60. o our sinceerest painefullest conformable Ministers, both from their Office and Benefice, so as many of our Churches (as the like was never since King *Johns* dayes) are quite shut up, and *Lord have Mercy upon us* may be written on their doores: the people cry for the bread of their soules, and their Ministers are prohibbited to give it them; This not onely wounds, but breakes their hearts, and makes them amazed. O therefore Gracious Soveraigne helpe now, and heare the Petitions, Cryes and Teares of thy poore people, and hang up these Popelings for these and other their innumerable oppressions, extortions, innovations and harmes, who suspend, imprison, and

q Rom. 13. 4

r Ps. 106. 30.

* *It signifies to be a little King, a Wren, and like vise a Serpent, called a Basilicke, so called because like a tyrant hee killeth men with his very scent.*

and ruine others for meere toyes and trifles, yea for defending you
royall Prerogative against their Papall usurpations.

This is all the newes I shall now impart in this Coranto, the nex
weeke God-willing, you shall heare of Mr. *Dade* his excomunicating
of *Ferdinando Adams* a Churchwarden in our Towne, for not blot
ting out of this sentence of Scripture written on Mr. *Wards* Church
*Mat.21.13. wall over his bawdy theevish Court. * *It is written my house shall be called an house of Prayer, but yee have made it a den of theeves*; whic
excomunication is of record in Starchamber; of our Bishops comman
*1.Cor.9.16 ding. * *Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel*, out of Mr. *Scots* Church
and of the strange proceedings at *Colechester* against Mr. *Samvel Bur
rowes* for inditing Parson *Necoman* for rayling in the Communio
Table Altar-wise, and causing the Communicants to come up to th
rayle to receive, in a new unaccustomed manner, contrary to the Sta
tute of 1. *Eliz.* c.2. and his Majesties Declarations, this last *Michael
mas* Sessions: which Inditement the Grand-Iury hath found, but hi
Majesty yet can get no judgment. In the meane time, I shall conclud
my Newes with the words of *Patricke Adamson*, Archbishop of S
* Patricii Adamsoni Palinodia. P.55. *Andrewes*, in his * *Publike Recantation in the Synod of Fiffe*, Aprill.
1591. *That the office of a Diocesian Bishop hath no authority at all t
support it in the Word of God; that it is onely founded on the politicke de
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that it is worthily condemned, and that it hath beene for 500. yeare
and more, the chiefe originall and Instrument of suppressing the Prea
ching of Gods Word in all Kingdomes, as all Ecclesiasticall Historians te
stifie*: I therefore shall close up all with the Collect on St. *Matthia
*Acts 1.20. day; Almighty God, which in the place of the traytor Bishop *Juda
didst chuse thy faithfull servant *Matthias*, to bee of the number of th
12. Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alwayes preserved fro
false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithfull and true Pa
stors, through Iesus Christ our Lord. And with the Collect on S
Peters day: Almighty God, which by thy Sonne Iesus Christ hat
given to thy Apostle St. *Peter* many excellent gifts, and commande
him earnestly to feede thy Flocke: make (wee beseech thee) all Bi
*Which few Bishops now doe. shops & Pastors * diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the peo
ple obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the Crown
of everlasting glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

From Ipswich *Novem.*12. 1636.

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